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Application Number	09/512,515
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First Named Inventor	Kiron M. DAS
Art Unit	1642
Examiner Name	S. Huff
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kiron M. DAS

APPLICATION NO.: 09/512,515

FILED: FEBRUARY 24, 2000

FOR: **IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF
GASTRIC INTESTINAL METAPLASIA ASSOCIATED
WITH GASTRIC CARCINOMA**

EXAMINER: S. Huff

ART UNIT: 1642

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The present communication is filed concurrently with a *Request for Continued Examination* and responds to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003 (Paper No. 12) regarding the above-identified application. The *Request for Continued Examination* is sought in light of the herein-attached supplemental IDS, which identifies three references that may have not been considered by the Examiner. Also included in this communication are the appropriate payment for the RCE and an amendment to the claims consistent with Paper 12.

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